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**HOW DOESTICKS "SWARE OFF."**  
I thought it was a good swear, a strong swear, a particularly strong swear, but somehow a baby broke it, and it was a very young baby at that—a new edition; in fact, the new edition; in truth, the only edition, in one volume complete, of Muggins. "Duplication of self," that is to say, it was Muggins's first and only baby. Muggins (of course, I mean Mrs. Muggins) had the consideration not to have twins—to present the world with Muggins in single doses.

Walking down town the morning after I had sworn off, all elated with the consciousness of having performed a good action, I looked everywhere with a pitying eye on such of my acquaintances as were still under the thrall of daily bitters—yet in the toils of the morning cocktail, and had not yet freed themselves from the fatal hold of the "leaven o'clocker," the "stomach quickener," the "eye-opener," or whatever other they choose to use, of the thousand verbal mystifications applied to the morning drink.

I was free—never again should I indulge in the fluid joy of a julep or a punch; the grateful cooler should never again—but here I met Muggins; it was Muggins, and yet it wasn't Muggins—Muggins, in form, in feature, in figure, and in dress, but no more like the usually grave Muggins in demeanor, than a frisky kitten is like a wooden decoy duck. He was elate, gay, merry, exulting, jubilant, exhilarated; he caught me by the arm and shook it, as if he had a large bet on shaking off twenty bitters in thirty minutes, and was just a trifle behind time on his nineteenth.

"She's done it, Old Doesticks; I've done it; it's done it!"

"What's done what, and who or what is it?" queried I.

"Me, I, Mary, all of us, Old Doe—last night, nine o'clock, my baby had a wife; my first, no his first, no her, and my, and my first; wife a good deal better; baby a good deal expected; no, both are better and both are expected; that is, all my wives and all my babies are a good deal better than could be expected; nurse says so. My first, you know; wife never had a nurse; no my nurse never had a wife; of course, you know what I mean; my wife never had a wife; my wife and the nurse, my wife and the nurse."

But you see I've mixed; I really can't say how, whether my nurse has had a boy, or my wife has had a baby; nurse, or the baby has had a wife, or the wife has had a baby; there are in my house a wife, a baby, and a nurse, and I belong to the same establishment myself. With their combined help I have gone and burned a baby; all alive. Come in to Delmonico's and drink a bottle of Mum's best baby in honor—or of Heidsieck's green boy, because, you know in honor of my seal baby—wife."

Here I stopped him, just as two policemen were discussing whether he was peaceable enough to be arrested, or whether he was so dangerous that they ought to let him alone. I got him into the house, and into a corner; before I could stop him, he had yelled to the bar-keeper for two bottles of green baby; an order which the bar-keeper—who had seen Muggins once before on that day—understood perfectly, and immediately produced two bottles of green baby champagne, at three dollars and a half a bottle.

I seized Muggins by the collar; I sat Muggins down in the chair; I jammed Muggins down hard, and I held him tight; I put on my severest look, and did my dignifiedest.

"Muggins," said I, calmly, (and I made my voice come from my first vest button)—"Muggins, be calm; Muggins—here my voice sank to the pit of my stomach—"Muggins, don't be a fool; Muggins, I can't drink any of that wine, because, Muggins—here my voice solemnly descended to the very soles of my boots—"I've sworn off, Muggins."

He looked at me helplessly, and at last stammered out, faintly:

"But baby, first baby, real boy, no sham, genuine animal, first-class article of baby, head on him, legs all complete; you must—drink—baby."

I thought he was going to faint, and I gave him a glass of wine. Exhausted as he was, he had sense enough to refuse to drink, unless I should join him.

What could I do? The man must be saved—his life must be spared to his wife and baby—I said to the bystanders: I drank; Muggins was saved; and we put him into a carriage, and sent him home.

Then the fellows who had heard me say that I had sworn off came around, and asked me to drink. I solemnly refused, I told them I had sworn off.

But Jones took me aside, and told me a curious but interesting fact; that fact was—"Baby."

Jones, as well as Muggins, was a happy father—so was Mrs. Jones—and as well as could be expected. We drank to Jones's baby. Gin cocktail to Jones's baby!

Was going home; but Stiggins now said that he had a word to say to me in private. That word was:

"Baby!"

By a curious coincidence, Mrs. Stiggins, etc. Though I had sworn off, I could do no more than drink to Mrs. Stiggins's speedy recovery. Then I started for the door. Somebody said:

"Take a drink?"

Before I got to the doors—of which there were by the time several—Grimby came in, and proclaimed aloud, in triumph—Baby, you say, of course. Baby! that's only half—"TWINS!!!!"

We drank the twins, brandy, beer, wine, and sherry; then—at my suggestion and expense—we had a bottle or two of green-seal to the health of the twins.

Then I swore off.

No, I couldn't have sworn off here either; for I remember cocktailing a boy, and sangareeing a girl, and champagneing a lot of mothers' happy recoveries after that.

Oh, I know; it was here that Maktravalo leaped upon the table, and howled "TRIPLETS!!!!"

We brandy-punched those triplets, and mint-juleped the mother to that extent that I really imagined myself in the fashion, and positively announced that Mrs. D. had made me the happy father of two pairs of twins, consisting of nine girls and a boy. Other fellows came in; never was seen such a lot of fellows, and never had wives done so much for the cause as so short a time. Every fellow announced that his wife had three heirs—four, six, or more; but when Spriggins gravely told us that his wife was the mother of seventy-one children, and they'd only been married two years, I remember some of us doubted it, until Spriggins assured us on his honor that it was true.

Then I swore off.

Then I stopped at the Carlton House, and swore off again; then at the St. Nicholas, and took a julep—then I swore off; met somebody; took something—swore off; then I swore off; then I met somebody; then I took something; then I met somebody; then I took something; then I swore off; then I swore something; then I took something; Metropolitan, swore off; Thorpe's, swore off; Pierce's, swore off; Fifth Avenue Hotel, swore off; and somebody took me home in a carriage, where I scandalized the old maid landlady, who came to the door, by asking her: "How are your twins to-night, Mrs. Jallow?" And when she replied, indignantly, "What do you mean, Mr. Doesticks?" I tried to appease her by saying: "Skuse me, Miss Jallow, I didn't know you'd sworn off."

Next day, I learned that the whole thing was a conspiracy, and that no babies had been born in my circle of friends, save one, a very, very small one, the sole property of Mr. and Mrs. Moloch Muggins!

Now, I have sworn off.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.**

Thieves broke into Joseph Shillinger's room at St. Louis, on Friday night, and stole \$750 in money, and \$50 worth of jewelry.

The police caught an incendiary in the act of firing a house at Louisville, Kentucky, on Thursday night. The villain escaped, although pursued and fired at.

A man named Heenison, at Danbury, Connecticut, stole some goods from a store "to get a quiet and easy berth in the county jail." On investigation, it was found to be the third offence, and he was sent to the State prison, which rather "took him aback."

The Rev. J. McClintock, of the American Chapel, Paris, recently fell and so injured his kneecap that he is obliged to preach to his congregation sitting.

A dandy in Paris, holding in his hand a splendid cane, was recently accosted by a beggar on crutches, who received a silver coin. At the same moment a person near by exclaimed: "How can you, sir, allow this rogue to deceive you? Please to lend me your cane, and I will show you that the rascal can run better than I can." The dandy, without reflecting, lent his cane. The beggar, the moment he saw it in his detector's hands, threw away his crutches, and took his heels, and was followed by the man with the cane, while the spectator, and the dandy particularly, remained in convulsion of laughter at the sight, and exclaiming, alternately, "Oh, he will be caught!" The dandy did not console himself for the loss of his cane, by taking the crutches.

The latest composition of Rossini for the piano is entitled "A Railway Journey." It commences with an *allegro vivace*, imitating the noise of the train under way, and the jar of the machinery. But towards the end of the piece, a sudden terror succeeds to the light variety, and a funeral march announces an impending disaster. Rossini, however, ends here, and does not attempt to imitate a railroad accident on a piano-forte.

A young girl was rescued from a life of infamy, recently, and sent to the St. Louis House of the Good Shepherd. There she remained till two weeks ago, when she escaped in a fit of indignation about some small matter. Two detectives were employed to find her, but instead of taking her to the home, the scoundrels placed her in another den, compelled her, under threats, to live with both, until she was met with on Sunday, and again placed in the institution, which she earnestly desired to re-enter.

Rann Haskins escaped recently from Auburn State prison; a few nights ago, two detectives, who knew him, went to a hall in a neighboring town, where it was said Haskins was to be; the convict did not appear, and the detectives gave themselves up to pleasure. In a corner sat a pretty, modest-looking young lady, who attracted the detectives' attention, one of whom got introduced, danced several times with her, and handed her down to supper. The lady left early, and the monopolizing detective handed her to the sleigh. Next morning it turned out that the young lady was Rann Haskins.

Peppermint, as an article of commerce, is largely grown in Lake county, Ohio. This year, over \$4,000 has been paid to the producers of this article, and in Painesville the oil is worth \$12.50 per gallon.

Able-bodied paupers have been weeded out from New London, Connecticut, by being introduced to a wood pile, saw, and saw horse, when they applied for relief.

Robert Whitley was arrested at Nashville, Tennessee, on Thursday, charged with forging his sister's name and drawing out \$800 from time to time, which she had given him to deposit in bank for her.

Five printers occupy the pulpits of five churches in Portsmouth, Virginia.

## PROSPECTUS OF THE WEEKLY NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December, 1860.

The undersigned have commenced the publication, in this city, of a weekly newspaper, called the National Republican.

It is printed on a large sheet, 37 by 42 inches, and is furnished at the low prices stated below. It will contain all the original matter of the daily National Republican, with the exception of local news not interesting to country subscribers. It will give full reports of the proceedings of Congress, and of the other departments of the National Government.

It will contain all the news of the day, foreign and domestic, markets, &c., &c., as well as an original correspondence from all parts of the country. The miscellaneous department will receive special attention, and, in all respects, the effort will be made to establish the character of the National Republican as a

**FAMILY NEWSPAPER.**

In politics, the paper will be Republican, sustaining the incoming Administration of Mr. Lincoln, but disclaiming, however, any pretension to be the organ of the President elect.

There is no other Republican paper in the District of Columbia, or in the vicinity of it, and it is believed that recent events have opened to such a paper an important sphere of useful effort. The time has come, when the actual administration of the Government upon Republican principles will explode the misrepresentations which have made those principles so distasteful to the South.

But it is not only here, and in this vicinity, that the projectors of the National Republican hope to make it useful. To the whole country they offer a journal which will discuss national politics from a national standpoint, and which will never be swayed from patriotic duty by any overpowering pressure of local interest.

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One copy, one year - - - \$2.00  
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L. CLEPHANE & CO.,  
National Republican, Washington, D. C.

Those of our exchanges publishing the above conspicuously three times in the inside form of their paper, and forwarding a marked copy to this office, will receive our daily in exchange until the end of the ensuing session of Congress.

## MERCHANT TAILORING.

THE advertiser respectfully invites the attention of his friends and the public in general to his new stock of

Cloths, Cassimeres, and Vestings.

He has always on hand goods suitable for the season, which he would be pleased to make up to order on as liberal terms as any other establishment in this city.

E. M. DREW, Agent,  
C street, next to Bank of Washington.  
nov 26

**WANTED.**—A young man, twenty years of age, who has had considerable experience in such matters, wishes to obtain a situation as clerk or salesman in a store. Can furnish the best city reference. Address "G. E. R." City Post Office.  
dec 21

## PROVISION STORE.

MRS. C. OCKSTADT, 470 Ninth street, between D and E streets, informs the public that she is prepared to supply them with Meat, Vegetables, and articles used in the preparation of Soups, of good quality and at low prices.  
dec 24

**A MAN**, surveyor and draughtsman, who has four or five hours of spare time per day, wishes to get an engagement in drawing maps, charts, &c. Apply at No. 470 Ninth street, between D and E.  
dec 18

**OFFICE MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO.,**  
Washington, D. C., December 31, 1860.

IN pursuance of the charter, the following statement of the condition of the company is published, viz:

Amount of premium notes on hand \$125,076.83  
Amount of loss during past year - 9,616.50  
Amount of cash on hand - 9,690.00

Notice is also given, that the annual meeting of members will be held at the office of the Company, on Monday, the 21st instant, at ten o'clock A. M., when an election will be held for seven managers to serve for the ensuing year.  
jan 7—eodt CHARLES WILSON, Sec.

## TO HOUSEKEEPERS OF WASHINGTON GEORGETOWN, AND VICINITY.

WE invite the attention of housekeepers to our very large and beautiful stock of

China, Glass, and Earthen Ware,  
Which is now rendered complete in every department by our recent imports.

We deem it unnecessary to enumerate articles, as we have everything that is usually kept in the China business, from rich decorated French China Dinner and Tea Sets, to the ordinary Earthen Ware; and, as we import the majority of our goods, we are prepared to furnish the best quality, either to the wholesale or retail trade, as low as any of the importing houses of Baltimore.

English and American Cutlery of superior quality.  
Also, Horn, Buck, and Cocoa-handled Cutlery, from the same factories.

Silver-plated Ware on fine alabaster, warranted. A large stock of Coal Oil Lamps, numerous patterns.  
Parlor Lamp-shades and Chimneys.  
Cut Glass Globes.  
Hyacinth Glasses, Fancy Articles, Toys, &c.  
C. S. FOWLER & CO.,  
dec 4—eo 504 Odd Fellows' Hall, 7th street.

## FASHIONABLE TAILOR.

D street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, nov 26 Washington, D. C.

## BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

WASHINGTON BRANCH.

CHARGE OF HOURS.

ON and after Sunday, November 26, the trains will run as follows.

**Leave Washington:**

First train at 6.30 A. M.

Second train at 7.40 A. M.

Third train at 3.10 P. M., Express.

Fourth train at 6 P. M.

**Leave Baltimore:**

First train at 4.15 A. M., Express.

Second train at 8.35 A. M.

Third at 3.10 P. M.

Fourth at 4.20 P. M., Express.

The first, second, and third trains from Washington connect through to Philadelphia and New York.

The second and third connect at Washington Junction with trains for the West, South, and Northwest; also, at Annapolis Junction for Annapolis. For Norfolk take the 7.40 A. M. train.

For the accommodation of the way travel between Washington and Laurel, a passenger car will be attached to the tonnage train which leaves at 12 M.

On Saturday the 3.10 P. M. train goes to Philadelphia only.  
jan 4 T. H. PARSONS, Agent.

## MARITIME, NATIONAL, AND FANCY FLAGS.

CAN always be had at the shortest notice, of SARAH McFADDEN,  
jan 8—1m 198 Hudson st., New York.

## M. SMITH,

Fashionable Tailor,  
No. 618 Garrison street, between I and Virginia avenue, Navy Yard.

CONSTANTLY on hand a full supply of Ready-Made Clothing and Gentlemen's Furnishing goods.  
jan 10

## E. WHEELER,

AGENT FOR THE SALE OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN HARDWARE.

No. 67 Louisiana av., opposite Bank of Washington.  
BAR, Sheet, and Hoop Iron; Horse-shoe Iron, Norway Nail Rods, Burden's Patent Horse-shoe, Horse-shoe Nails, Cast, Sheet, and Sheet Steel; Anvils, Bellows, and Vices; Sheet Lead, Bar Lead, and Lead Pipe; Lead Roofing Tin; Bright Tin of all kinds; Block Tin, Zinc, and Copper; Iron, Brass, and Copper Wire; Carriage Bows and Curtain Canvases, Hubs, Spokes, Rims, and Axles, Locks, Hinges, Screws, Nails, Brads, Sash Weights, Sash Cord, Pulleys, Planes, Shaws, Chisels, Files, Boring and Mortise Machines, and Grindstones, Axes, Shovels, Spades, Rakes, Forks, &c.

**DROPT FOR PLANT'S NEW PATENT BLIND HINGE.**  
All at the lowest prices for Cash, or to punctual customers on short credit.  
nov 26

## AMERICAN AND ENGLISH PICKLES, SAUCES, &c.

**CHOW CHOW,** } American.  
**PICCOLILLY,** }  
**CHOW CHOW,** } English.  
**PICCOLILLY,** }  
White and Brown ONIONS, &c.

Sauces.  
Worcestershire Sauce, Soy'ser's Salsana, Reading, Harvey, and Anchor SAUCES.  
For sale by JESSE B. WILSON,  
327 Pa. av., between Sixth and Seventh streets, south side.  
nov 26

## G. W. GOODALL,

Plumber and Gas and Steam Fitter,  
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Personal attention given to every department of the business.  
nov 26

## DR. SOUTHEY'S

BRITISH SPECIFIC MIXTURE,

AND

DR. SOUTHEY'S

ANTI-SYPHILITIC SPECIFIC,

For the Cure of All Acute and Chronic Venereal Diseases.

IN offering these two preparations to the public, the Proprietor fearlessly hazards the assertion that they are unequalled, either for their curative properties, or for their promptness and certainty in their operation.

Long-standing cases of Gonorrhoea, Gleet, Spasmodic Stricture, Pain in the Loins, Gravel, Burning in the Urinary Passage, have been cured by the subscriber with these Mixtures, in more than eleven hundred cases, during the past nine years, including the most aggravated forms of Syphilis—in some cases where the disease was making rapid headway in its most horrible forms, eating away the nose throat, &c.

The Mixture for Gonorrhoea is not nauseous, and is guaranteed to cure, in from three to seven days, cases of the longest standing.

Prepared and sold at

## SHUMAN'S

SOUTHERN MEDICAL HOUSE,

Under Clarendon Hotel, corner of Sixth street and Pennsylvania avenue, south side, immediately opposite the National Hotel.  
jan 16—4f

## NOTICE

I WISH all gentlemen to bear in mind that the plan which I adopted, six years ago, of selling HATS and BOOTS at greatly reduced prices, for cash, is in successful operation. Just received, a full supply of the latest New York styles of DRESS HATS. The very finest Hat at \$2.50; a first-rate Hat, \$3; and very good, fashionable Hat, \$2.50. All of the latest styles of soft HATS and CAPS, at the very lowest prices. I am constantly supplied with a very large stock of those fine DRESS BOOTS, at \$3.75—which I have been selling for many years—as well as the very best quality of Patent Leather GAITERS, at \$3.50. Fine French Calfskin Gaiters, from \$2 to \$2.50. No extra charge in order to offset bad debts. ANTHONY, Agent for the Manufacturers, Seventh street, second Hat Store from the corner, opposite Avenue House, No. 549.  
nov 26

## J. BOHLAYER,

Butcher and Provision Dealer,

Nos. 8 and 9, CENTRE MARKET,

He has also a stand at the

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Pork, Beef, and all other kinds of Meat, kept constantly on hand, to which the attention of the citizens of Washington and resident strangers is respectfully invited.  
dec 31—1f

## BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTORY.

THE subscriber has the pleasure of informing his friends and former customers that he is engaged in the Boot and Shoe manufacturing business, with an entire new stock, such as Mallet French Shoes, Gaiters, Slippers, Pumps, &c., with a superior stock of Lemmings' French Calfskins, and all other materials for the manufacture of Gentlemen's fine Boots and Shoes, purchased for Cash, and will be made up by the best workmen, and sold at the Lowest Cash Prices, for Cash only.

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Fashionable Boot and Shoe-maker, No. 504 Pennsylvania avenue, between the St. Charles Hotel and Adams's Express Office, formerly under Brown's Hotel.

P. S. I have no interest in, or connection with, any other store than the one I am in, No. 504 Pennsylvania avenue.  
J. M.  
nov 26

## "LINCOLN STOMACH BITTERS."

ONLY sold at the store of W. GERECKE, on Pennsylvania avenue, between Fourth and Sixth streets. Also, a great supply just imported of Swiss and Limburg Cheeses, Sardines, Sardines, Holl. Herrings, &c., for sale.  
nov 30 W. GERECKE.

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No. 381 D street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, Washington, D. C.

ALL work entrusted to me will be executed promptly. All persons wishing their Locks, Bells, &c., repaired, will please give me a call before applying elsewhere. Terms cash.  
jan 14—1w

## NOTICE.

SPALDING'S SPALDING'S

PREPARED CELEBRATED PREPARED

GLUE.

Only 15 cents per bottle, at BONTZ & GRIF-FITHS, No. 369 Seventh street, between I and K streets.  
Warranted the Genuine Spalding Glue.  
dec 15—eod 1m

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nov 26

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nov 26

## NEW MESS MACKEREL, &c., &c.

20 barrels Large New No. 1 Mackerel.  
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For sale by E. E. WHITE & CO.,  
No. 63 Louisiana avenue, bet. Sixth and Seventh streets, opposite Bank of Washington.  
dec 15

## FRESH TEAS.

I AM receiving a lot of Green and Black TEAS, among which are some of as fine grades as can be had, to which I invite the attention of all lovers of choice Green and Black Teas.  
JESSE B. WILSON,  
327 Pa. av., between Sixth and Seventh streets, south side.  
nov 26

## Champagne Wines and Brandies.

25 BASKETS HEIDSIECK CHAMPAGNE.  
12 dozen fine old Champagne Brandy.  
12 dozen fine old London Duck Brandy.  
8 quarter cases very fine delicate Pale Sherry, imported direct by us.  
In store, and for sale by

E. E. WHITE & CO.,  
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dec 15

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